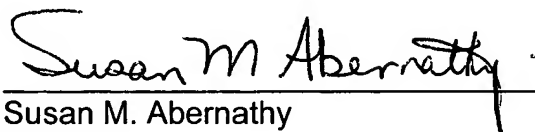


Remarks/Arguments

Favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.
Claims 9 and 23 have been amended. Claims 1 to 33 are in the application for examination.

Respectfully submitted,

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MARKED-UP NEWLY AMENDED CLAIMS

Claim 9. (Amended) The process of claim 1, further comprising blending the lubricating base oil with an additional base oil selected from the group consisting of conventional Group I base oils, conventional Group II base oils, conventional Group III base oils, other GTL base oils, [isomerized petroleum wax, polyalphaolefins, polyinternalolefins, oligomerized olefins from Fischer-Tropsch derived feed, diesters, polyol esters, phosphate esters, alkylated aromatics, alkylated cycloparaffins,] and mixtures thereof.

Claim 23. (Amended) The finished lubricant of claim 13, further comprising an additional base oil selected from the group consisting of conventional Group I base oils, conventional Group II base oils, conventional Group III base oils, other GTL base oils, [isomerized petroleum wax, polyalphaolefins, polyinternalolefins, oligomerized olefins from Fischer-Tropsch derived feed, diesters, polyol esters, phosphate esters, alkylated aromatics, alkylated cycloparaffins,] and mixtures thereof.